

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended) A sealing plug for a watertight connector, the sealing plug being formed with at least one wire insertion hole through which a wire is to be inserted, and being at least partly insertable into a cavity of a connector housing to provide a watertight sealing between an inner wall of the cavity and the wire, wherein:

at least one outer lip is formed on an outer surface of the sealing plug for contact with the inner wall of the cavity and at least one inner lip is formed on an inner surface of the sealing plug for contact with the wire, the outer lip being longer along a longitudinal direction of the wire than the inner lip so that a frictional resistance between the inner wall of the cavity and the sealing plug is larger than a frictional resistance between the wire and the sealing plug, and

the frictional resistance between the wire and the sealing plug is set to permit a movement of the wire relative to the sealing plug when the wire is caused to move.

Claim 2 (canceled).

3. (currently amended) The sealing plug of claim 2~~1~~, wherein a degree of deformation of the outer lip when the sealing plug is inserted into the cavity is larger than a degree of deformation of the inner lip.

4. (previously presented) The sealing plug of claim 3, wherein there are more of the outer lips than the inner lips so that a total frictional resistance between the inner wall of the cavity and the outer lips exceeds a total frictional resistance between the wire and the inner lips.

5. (currently amended) The sealing plug of claim 2~~1~~, wherein the outer lips and the inner lips are substantially aligned.

6. (previously presented) A sealing plug for a watertight connector, the sealing plug being formed with at least one wire insertion hole through which a wire is to be inserted, and being at least partly insertable into a cavity of a connector housing to provide a watertight sealing between an inner wall of the cavity and the wire, wherein:

a fine embossed pattern being formed on at least part of a contact surface of the sealing plug with the inner surface of the cavity so that a frictional resistance between the inner wall of the cavity and the sealing plug is larger than a frictional resistance between the wire and the sealing plug, and

the frictional resistance between the wire and the sealing plug is set to permit a movement of the wire relative to the sealing plug when the wire is caused to move.

7. (previously presented) A sealing plug for a watertight connector, the sealing plug being formed with at least one wire insertion hole through which a wire is to be inserted, and being at least partly insertable into a cavity of a connector housing to provide a watertight sealing between an inner wall of the cavity and the wire, wherein:

a frictional resistance between the inner wall of the cavity and the sealing plug is larger than a frictional resistance between the wire and the sealing plug, and

the frictional resistance between the wire and the sealing plug is set to permit a movement of the wire relative to the sealing plug when the wire is caused to move,

wherein an outer contact surface of the sealing plug with the cavity is made of a material having a higher specific frictional resistance than an inner contact surface of the sealing plug with the wire.

8. (currently amended) A watertight connector comprising a housing having at least one cavity ~~into which~~, a mirror finish being applied to at least part of an

inner wall of the cavity, the watertight connector further comprising a sealing plug of claim 1 is insertable formed with at least one wire insertion hole through which a wire is to be inserted, the sealing plug being insertable into the cavity of the housing to provide a watertight sealing between the sealing plug and the mirror finish of the inner wall of the cavity and between the sealing plug and the wire, wherein:

a frictional resistance between the inner wall of the cavity and the sealing plug is larger than a frictional resistance between the wire and the sealing plug, and

the frictional resistance between the wire and the sealing plug is set to permit a movement of the wire relative to the sealing plug when the wire is caused to move.

Claim 9 (canceled).

10. (previously presented) The watertight connector of claim 8, wherein a terminal fitting is connected to the wire in overlapping relationship to the sealing plug.